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Arrangements for the return of 18 New England fishing vessels have been completed by the War Shipping Administration, acting at the request of the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries, it was announced today. If all the vessels are returned by their owners to active fishing, production of fish will be increased by approximately 30,000,000 pounds annually.

Four of the vessels are already in the hands of their owners and the return of the remaining 14 is being expedited as much as possible.

These vessels, all of the type known as draggers, were among the large number requisitioned from the New England fishing fleet by the Navy early in the war. This is the first large group of these vessels to be returned to the New England fisheries which for two years has suffered from a severe shortage of boats.

The vessels included in the group to be returned, or already returned, are as follows:

Name	Date Built	Tonnage		Length	Owner
		Gross	Net		
Alvan T. Fuller <u>1</u> /	1931	98	66	88.9	Pioneers Vessels Corp. (Mass.) Gloucester, Mass.
Colombo	1940	97	48	87.3	Giachino Barbara, Gloucester, Mass.
Elvira Gaspar <u>1</u> /	1929	104	71	87.9	Joaquin A. Gaspar, Gloucester, Mass.
Gertrude L. Thebaud	1930	137	93	115.8	Schooner Gertrude L. Thebaud, (Mass.) Gloucester, Mass.
Hekla	1928	386	208	140.8	Trawler Hekla (Mass.) Boston, Mass.
Katherine F. Saunders	1930	91	47	86.0	Herman J. Saunders, New Bedford, Mass.

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		<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>		
Lark	1938	237	123	119.3	Cape Cod Trawling Corp. (Mass.) Boston, Mass.
New Bedford	1929	76	31	84.3	Robert Mitchell, New Bedford, Mass.
Newfoundland	1930	93	48	86.5	John G. Murley, New Bedford, Mass.
Rainbow <u>1</u> /	1929	92	63	89.3	Rainbow Vessel Co. (Mass.) Boston, Mass.
St. Anthony	1940	115	78	86.5	Carlo Parisi, Gloucester, Mass.
Satan's Wife <u>2</u> / (General MacArthur)	1930	51	35	70.3	Ray Adams, Gloucester, Mass.
Stanley B. Butler <u>1</u> /	1938	115	47	86.6	Olaf Anderson, New Bedford (Mass.)
Superior	1932	107	73	100.2	John A. Dahlmer, Gloucester, Mass.
Theresa M. Boudreau	1941	155	105	95.9	Joseph A. Boudreau, Gloucester, Mass.
Viking	1931	67	30	77.0	Hans Haram, New Bedford, Mass.
Wamsutta	1929	76	31	84.3	Alexander Smith, New Bedford, Mass.
Weymouth	1941	170	115	102.5	R. O'Brien and Co. (Mass.) Boston, Mass.

1/ These vessels already returned.

2/ This vessel has been listed under both names.